

County Groups Seek to Change Manner of Voting in Greenbelt

by Thomas X. White

The second community forum on proposals for reforming the process for electing Greenbelt City Council members was held on Monday, August 18 for what was essentially a repetition of the lively and energetic community discussion of the earlier forum. The issue was first raised by a February 28, joint letter to the Greenbelt City Council from the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland (ACLU-MD) and the Prince George’s County Branch of the National Association of Colored People (PG-NAACP).

In the February letter the two organizations’ letters registered concerns about the city’s municipal election system and stated a need for its reformation to make it fair, inclusive and more representative of Greenbelt’s racially diverse citizenry. Citing 2000 U.S. Census data for Greenbelt, the organizations noted that African Americans comprised over 41 percent of Greenbelt’s overall population and nearly 38 percent of its voting age population.

Counting an estimated 13 percent Asian population and just under 6 percent Latinos, the letter noted that Greenbelt’s voting age population is at least 56.5 percent minority. The organizations were troubled that the elected city council remains an all white body. They recommended that the city consider changing its election system.

The letter also cited several legal precedents where at-large election systems like Greenbelt’s have been found to thwart full participation in the electoral process by minority voters and candidates, thus running afoul of the 1973 Voting Rights Act. The letter, however, stated that the preference of the two organizations would be not to challenge Greenbelt’s system in court but rather to work with the city council to reform the system. In the letter the organizations set out various reform options. One suggestion was to establish single-member districts within which candidates would have to reside in order to run and

be elected.

Also noted were other options, such as cumulative voting or preference voting, that would achieve compliance with the Voting Rights Act while retaining the at-large election structure.

Following receipt of the letter, the city staff, council arranged for the two organizations to hold sponsoring community meetings to provide information and seek citizen discussion on the topic. The third forum is tentatively scheduled for October 1, at a location in Greenbelt West.

PG-NAACP Position

Leading off the discussion was June White Dillard, president of the PG-NAACP, who stated her organization’s case for an alternative voting system for electing Greenbelt City Councilmembers. She reiterated census data for Greenbelt’s African American population, along with the fact that, in its history, only two African American candidates have filed

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Labor Day Festival Offers Memories Large and Small

What song will you be humming when the last band marches down Crescent Road in the Labor Day Festival Parade? What little stuffed animal will you win? What food will you savor with delight and what will you be wearing? Who will you be with while you stroll through the midway rides?

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is filled with over-the-top activities, yet people’s memories of the event tend to be about the small details. So as you consider what to see and do this weekend, think of not only what is wild and crazy but what will make a happy memory for you, your family and friends.



urday of the weekend and this week’s will cover the highlights of Sunday and Monday, August 31 and September 1.

Music, Music

Sunday’s musical entertainment begins when the Bruce Swaim Jazz Quartet brings the cool sounds of classic jazz numbers to the main stage from 1 to 3 p.m. The tempo will shift at 3 p.m. when the Mary Shaver Band takes the stage both with soft soul tunes and traditional blues standards.

You’ll be strolling down memory lane on Sunday evening at 9 p.m. when the Legendary Orioles start singing a cappella pop,

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Festival Shuttle Service

Don’t drive to the Labor Day Festival. Use the free shuttle service which picks up at four locations throughout the city: Greenbelt Elementary School, Green Ridge House, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the Greenbelt Armory.

The shuttle service will operate Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight; Sunday, noon to midnight; Monday, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and noon to 6 p.m.

Parking near the Festival will be very limited, so enjoy this free service to make participation more comfortable and convenient.

Residents Turn Out for Second Hearing on Election Process

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt City Council and much of its staff gathered with Deborah Jeon, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-MD); June White Dillard, director of the Prince George’s County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (PG-NAACP) and nearly 50 Greenbelt residents to discuss possible changes to the municipal election process. The Monday, August 18 meeting was held in the Greenbriar Community room in Greenbelt East.

This was the second such meeting in response to a February letter from the PG-NAACP and ACLU-MD suggesting that the city’s voting ordinance violates the Voting Rights Act of 1964.

The first meeting, held in the council chambers of the Municipal Building in Historic Greenbelt, had a significantly larger turnout – nearly twice as many people. Nevertheless, more non-white minorities attended the meeting in Greenbelt East.

Mayor Judith Davis opened Monday’s meeting by thanking Greenbriar for hosting the meeting and introducing the city staff. As in the first worksession on electoral reform, Davis said that council was gathering information and that councilmembers would not answer questions or attempt to reach any decisions during the

meeting.

She said there would be presentations by Jeon, Dillard and also by Amy Ngai, who arrived at the meeting late. (Ngai was the spokesperson for fair vote.) These presentations would be followed by comments and questions.

Dillard Speaks

June White Dillard began the presentation by pointing out that while Greenbelt began as “a one-race community due to restrictive covenants,” it is estimated now to be over 50 percent black. She said Greenbelt has 25,000 residents and that a candidate in an at-large system must win a majority of all of these votes to attain office.

“It is easier to win,” Dillard said, “if you only have to reach 4,000 to 5,000,” as would be the case if the city adopted a single member district system dividing the city into a number of districts, with a representative on council.

Dillard used the number of terms held by the present members of council to prove that councilmembers have “solid constituencies.” She then claimed that these constituencies equaled block voting.

Even though Councilmember Konrad Herling has not been on council long, Dillard implied that he was a beneficiary of such block voting because his parents

brought him to the city as a child and because he has been “active in the city for a long time.” She said she has learned that only two African Americans have run for city council in the history of Greenbelt.

Jeon Speaks

Jeon stated that “beyond specific structural reforms . . . I think the most suprising thing is the level of disengagement among folks new to the community. What you see when you look at the statistics is many newer residents, many of whom are minorities, haven’t become involved in city elections.”

Jeon pointed out that “for municipal elections here in Greenbelt East, turnout is only 12 percent, in Springhill Lake only 2 percent.” She described this as “shocking by any measure.”

Throughout the night, Jeon suggested that the city should “couple the municipal election dates with federal and state elections.” She believed this change would increase turn-out on a long-term basis.

Amy Ngai stressed she was present to “serve as a resource” and to “focus on proportional representation and choice voting in particular.” Despite the technical assistance of City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Deputy

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Police Review Overpass Crimes, Cameras to Come

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt Police Department facilitated a community forum on Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center on crime near the Spellman Overpass, the pedestrian overpass that bridges the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, connecting Gardenway in the Center City with the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. About 30 residents, the Public Safety Advisory Committee and city council members attended.

Silke Pope, chair of the Public Safety Advsory Committee, reminded the audience of the two prior meetings on the subject. They resulted in crime data studies by the city and Police Department.

Captain Thomas Kemp, the Special Operations Manager

(Chief James Craze was dealing with a family emergency) said that police interest “spiked last June with a particularly serious crime against a resident” and as a result the department “put together programs and resources unprecedented in 23 years.”

Kemp cautioned that the “numbers up here will be small compared to other parts of the city,” but said “there is a face” behind every number. “It makes us mad,” he said. “If it is only five or six, it is five or six too many.”

Cameras and Phones

That afternoon, he said, McLaughlin told him that Comcast had finished with the infrastructure that would allow the

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What Goes On

- Friday, August 29** – Labor Day Festival Begins
- 6 p.m.**, Greenbelt Concert Band, Center Bandstand; Carnival Midway Opens
- 7 p.m.**, Opening Ceremonies
- 7:45 p.m.**, Reception for Outstanding Citizen, Municipal Building
- Monday, September 1** – City and GHI Offices Closed
- 10 a.m. to noon**, Labor Day Parade
- Saturday, September 6**
- 10 a.m.**, Skateboarding Clinic, Greenbelt Skatepark
- 10 a.m. to noon**, Pooch Plunge, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Letters

Disappointed

I was so disappointed to learn that Johnny Seaton will not be appearing at our Festival this year. We so enjoyed him last year and were led to believe he would be here this time. He was well-received and I heard he was told that the Festival was going in a different direction this year. A different direction certainly is not the Hubcaps and The Orioles, excluding Johnny Seaton.

I have lived here 49 years, but I won't be joining in this year. We were looking forward to seeing him again!

Betsy Tropp

Md. Folk History At Laurel Concert

The Laurel Historical Society will offer "Singing Maryland History," a free folk music event to be held at the Laurel Museum, 817 Main Street in Laurel at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 11. The concert performer will be George McCeney, a singer, songwriter and trustee of the International Bluegrass Music Museum. For information call Lindsey Baker at 301-725-7975 or visit www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Corrections

In last week's list of school opening and closing times the information given for Eleanor Roosevelt High School was incorrect. The correct times are 8:25 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

To clarify the Extracurricular Activity section of the article "County School System Sets Rules and Regulations" on page 1, an ERHS representative has informed us that a student with an E (failing) grade is ineligible for extracurricular activities. There can be no failing grade, with the 2.0 quarterly grade point average referring only to an average of As through Ds.

The Greenbelt Museum will be open regular hours on Sunday, August 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Labor Day, Monday, September 1 following the parade until 3 p.m. Only the office, not the museum house or tours, are closed during the curator transition.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Saturday, August 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Prince George's Muslim Association,
9150 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham

Wednesday, September 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
CHD Meridian/Pitney Bowes Health Center,
4200 Parliament Place, Lanham

Friday, September 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Prince George's Hospital Center,
3001 Hospital Drive, Cheverly

Thursday, September 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., USDA,
5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Join Scouting Night

We are looking for young men from
First through Fifth Grades
and their parents
to come join in the fun!!!

September 11th, 7:00PM

Greenbelt Community Church; 1 Hillside Road

Cubmaster: Gary Sanderson 301.552.4795

cubinfo@pack202.org www.pack202.org

News Review Closed On Labor Day

On Monday, September 1 the News Review will be closed to allow staff to celebrate Labor Day and to make room for all that will be happening at the Community Center and adjoining areas. All articles, photos, editing and ad placement will have to be done on Tuesday, September 2 to meet the usual Tuesday night deadline and have the paper completed on time.

Please see that we receive all material intended for the September 4 issue on or before Tuesday, September 2 as Wednesday will be too late for inclusion and will have to be held for the September 11 issue.

Puppet Show, Sock Hop At Next Artful Afternoon

Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon is always an intergenerational event and this month participants are encouraged to make a special point to share the day with familial or "adopted" grandparents. Activities include a jewelry-making workshop, an amazing turtle story told with puppets, a Sock Hop and more on Sunday, September 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road.

"Galapagos George," presented by Barefoot Puppets of Richmond, Va., is inspired by the true story of a tortoise from Pinta Island who was the last of his kind. The show features 16 custom-made rod puppets on an island stage with an original

score. The performance begins at 3 p.m.

Artist-in-residence Karen Arrington leads a unique jewelry-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. using handmade beads and recycled materials, a great way to make a souvenir for the day. Advance donations of old belts and costume jewelry are requested; bring contributions to the Greenbelt Community Center welcome desk August 29 to September 5.

A Sock Hop will rock the gym from 2 to 5 p.m. The guys are invited to wear their best T-shirts and jeans and ladies, break out those poodle skirts. There is a nominal fee for tickets to the dance. Call 301-397-2200 to order. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Every month Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon also includes a studio open house with the Center's artists-in-residence, Greenbelt Museum historic home tours and current historical and art gallery exhibits. These activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour. Visitors can also enter to win free tickets to see live music, theater, dance, puppetry and more at the nearby Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

For information about programs of the Greenbelt Museum visit www.greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301-507-6582. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month
10 – 2 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women,
men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF AUG 29
Vicki Christina
Barcelona
(PG-13)

Friday
*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday & Monday
*3, *5:15, 7:30

Tuesday - Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Grin Belt

"When you pass the torch to the new generation, make sure you don't start forest fires!"

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Monday, September 1, Labor Day Holiday, offices closed
Tuesday, September 2, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative, Board Room
7:15 p.m., Pre-Purchase Orientation, GHI Lobby
Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices, Board Room
Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee, GHI Lobby
Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Volunteer Security Checks at GES

Parents and community members wishing to volunteer in Prince George's Public Schools will have the opportunity to complete security checks at Greenbelt Elementary School on Tuesday, September 2 between 5:30 and 8 p.m. Classroom volunteers and field trip chaperones need the basic background check which costs \$8 and must be repeated every school year.

Tutors who will be working one-on-one with students need the full fingerprint check, which costs \$66. This does not need to be repeated and the county school system will pay the \$66 if the volunteer commits to volunteering 40 hours each year.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

New Class to Teach Basic Vegan Cuisine

Learn more about vegan cooking by participating in,preparing and cooking natural and nutritious vegan recipes. In this class vegan chef Sharafa will introduce new, uncomplicated recipes each week. All cooking supplies and food are included in the class fee. The class takes place on Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Center Kitchen, room 107, September 16 through November 18. Call Di Quynn-Reno at 301-397-2208 for information and to register.

New Art Classes Offered in Greenbelt

Several new art classes will be offered this fall at the Greenbelt Community Center by local artist Natalie Thomas.



Thomas has an impressive educational background, holding degrees in fine arts from Brown University and from the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. She has studied art in Ghana and has apprenticed in the U.S. with noted artists in a variety of media. She currently freelances as a graphic artist and art management specialist. However, her main love is teaching.

For the past seven years Thomas has taught drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media and art history courses at sites throughout Maryland, including Prince George's Community College and the Suitland Center for the Arts High School.

This fall Thomas will offer an after-school painting and drawing class for children. For adults and teens she will offer introductory drawing and design classes, as well as a special two-weekend book illustration workshop. In future months she hopes to offer classes in print making, paper crafts and silkscreen.

For a complete listing of these and other art courses at the Greenbelt Community Center, see the fall Recreation Department brochure or visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.

To view samples of Thomas' works and those of her former students, visit www.ntprintmaker.blogspot.com. For questions call 240-542-2060 or email mmische@greenbeltnmd.gov.

St. Hugh's School Opens September 2

Tuesday, September 2 is the day classes begin at St. Hugh's School. The school welcomes a new principal, Tiffani M. James, who comes to St. Hugh's from St. Mary of the Mills School in Laurel.

School hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be noon dismissal during the first week of school with the exception of Thursday, which will be a full day of school. Uniforms are required from the first day of school.

St. Hugh's School provides kindergarten through 8th grade and also offers before- and after-school care. Back to school night will be held on Wednesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.

The school has a website at <http://www.sthughs.com/school/index.html>.

A very few openings may still be available in some grades. For more information call the school at 301-474-4071.

GAIL Offers Free BP Screening

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program will offer free blood pressure screening from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays through December 3. The first screening will be on September 3 in the Community Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The service will be provided by Kamen Bell, R.N.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 2, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, September 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Audio-visual Dept.

Entertainment videos and DVDs are available free of charge on an adult library card for two days. Educational videos and DVDs may be borrowed up to three weeks and renewed once.

Greenbelters Take Two to End Season

The Greenbelters won a double-header at home against Bowie Gold on Wednesday, August 20 to end regular season play in the Baltimore Senior Softball League. They took the first game 20-7 behind manager Ray Reed on the mound. Dave Kerr homered and tripled; George Harrison and Paul Williams got three hits apiece; and Fred Bohl, Burt Kerr and Willie White each had two hits.

In the second game Bowie pulled up to 15-11 late in the game but Greenbelt, primed by Dave Kerr's ground-rule double to the centerfield fence, scored six runs and won 21-11 with a game-ending double-play. John Strekel started and was relieved by Reed. Bohl and Chico Rivera each had four hits and Reed and White, three apiece. Notching two each were Larry Dandridge (one a double), Harrison, Harland Park, Irv Salzberg (including a triple) and Lefty Smith.

Fall Adult Tennis Clinic Registration

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the fall Adult Tennis Clinic offers eight sessions focusing on positive energy, proper technique and a successful approach to tennis for beginners and intermediates, ages 14 and up.

Damon Austin, an experienced and certified tennis coach, provides the instruction.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, September 9 until October 28 at Braden Field Tennis Courts 7 and 8. The beginner class (#452223-1) runs 6:15 to 7:10 p.m. and the intermediate class (#452223-2), 7:20 to 8:15 p.m. Each class will accommodate 10 students. There is a fee for the classes. To register for the clinic, call the Greenbelt Youth Center at 301-397-2200.

GEAC Meeting

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at Hunting Ridge, 6914 Hanover Parkway.



PHOTO BY RICH MAJEWSKI

Janet Spivey (left) and Cam MacQueen after Women's Firecracker Tennis Final. For information about GTA tournaments, see <http://www.greenbelt.com/tennis>.

Women's Tennis Final

Janet Spivey overcame Greenbelt resident Cam MacQueen to claim the Greenbelt Tennis Association's (GTA) Firecracker Tennis Tournament women's singles championship on Saturday, August 9. Spivey persevered in a first set tiebreaker and went on to take the championship under perfect weather conditions, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.

The first set was very close with only six points separating the opponents overall. Spivey jumped out to a 3-0 lead in games, leading the set in outright winners 12-3, often slicing the ball deep to the corner. MacQueen showed determination and came back to even the score at six games all by taking advantage of slightly fewer unforced errors than Spivey.

Spivey persevered to win the first set after taking a very tight tiebreaker 7-5. Spivey used her match experience to win the second set in quick fashion 6-1.

Serving may have been the ultimate difference in the match. Surprisingly, neither player held service well in the first set. MacQueen broke Spivey three times and Spivey broke MacQueen three times, resulting in the need for the tiebreaker. In the second set, MacQueen's serve was broken three times, while Spivey held her serve three times to win the set and match.

In other Firecracker Tournament action: 50+ Singles, Robert Chandler defeated Danny Weaver, 7-5, 6-3; A Singles, Subodh Arora defeated Patrick Agori, 6-1, 0-6, 6-4; B Singles, Ravfi Tandon

defeated Richard Green, 7-5, 7-6; C Singles, Narayan Mahapatra defeated Panchanon Chattapadhyay, 6-1, 6-3; A Mixed Doubles, Bev Vayhinger/Saibal Dey defeated Jenny & Steve Liu, 6-2, 6-2; B Mixed Doubles, Mignon McLemore/Michael Pierce defeated Marlene and Roberto Pauer, 6-1, 6-4.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of AUG 29

FRI. - SUN.

Tropic Thunder, R

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

The Longshots, PG (!)

11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Babylon AD, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Disaster Movie, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Death Race, R

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10

Traitor, PG-13

12, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:10

The Dark Knight, PG-13

6:30, 9:30

Star Wars: The Clone Wars, PG

11:30, 1:40, 4

The Rocker, PG-13

11:30

Mirrors, R

2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10

MON. - THUR.

Tropic Thunder, R

12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50

The Longshots, PG (!)

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Babylon AD, PG-13 (!)

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Mirrors, R

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Lions Club Bikes & Trikes Labor Day Parade

Meet at Mother & Child statue
9:30AM

Prizes awarded for best decorations



The Greenbelt Arts Center presents
Free performances of two of Shakespeare's plays!

Measure for Measure

Directed by Bill Jones: Mature themes –
not suitable for children under 13.

Performances: Saturday, 8/30 & Sunday, 8/31 at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Comedy of Errors

Directed by Anna Bonnet – Suitable for children from 4 to 104.

Performances: Saturday, 8/30 at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
& Sunday, 8/31 at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Free showings of both shows will be in the Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

2008 Cheerleading and Soccer Registration

Greenbelt Youth Center,
99 Centerway

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Soccer registration until Sept. 8

Cheerleading registration until Sept. 12

For more information, please call 301-794-0100
(press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com



Obituaries

Martin Anderson

Former Greenbelter Martin Anderson, 81, of Cherry Hill, N.J., died on August 17, 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife Hattie and son Nels. He is survived by his son Hassell Anderson and his wife Susan, of Cherry Hill; and daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Patterson and her husband, Dr. Timony Patterson of Ontario, Canada; and grandchildren Malcolm, Calder, Heather, Nels, Griffin, Shea and Robyn.

Services were held on August 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, 20 E. Kings Highway, Haddonfield, N.J. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Nels Anderson II Scholarship Fund, c/o The University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada E3B85A3.

Jeffrey W. Ball

A memorial service for Jeffrey W. Ball, who died August 13, 2008, will be held at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 6. Friends are invited.

New Art Exhibit Opens at UM

The University of Maryland Art Museum presents "Lynn Cazabon: The Archive's Shadow" from Wednesday, September 3 through Friday, October 17. Discarded films are the subject of this Baltimore artist's project. The first day of the exhibit will feature a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; on Wednesday the gallery remains open until 6 p.m. For more information call 301-405-2763 or visit www.art-gallery.umd.edu.

Volleyball Players Sought for League

Male and female adult (18 years and older) volleyball players who are experienced in playing in competitive leagues and/or full-day tournaments are wanted for the Prince George's County fall women's and coed volleyball leagues. If interested in playing full time or substituting on a volleyball team call Diane at 301-776-2805 as soon as possible. League play begins in the latter part of September.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.


Sunday, August 31

Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Chinese Brushwork In a Free Exhibit

Discover a half century of works by Henry Wo Yue-Kee in the "Poetic Spirit" exhibit. From September 6 through October 18 in the main galleries of the Strathmore Mansion. Yue-Kee is a master of Chinese brush painting of the Ling Nan School. His art fuses Eastern and Western influences by combining the principles of Chinese brushwork with free translucent washes, delicate linear accents and birds, fish and flowers. This exhibition presents the evolution of an artist over many decades.

Admission is free. Strathmore Mansion is located one and a half miles outside the Beltway at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former Greenbelter Martin Anderson, who died in Cherry Hill, N.J. Congratulations to CARES Director Liz Park, who has achieved the Approved Supervisor designation for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Empirian Village (formerly Springhill Lake). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



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Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org


Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study


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Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



Bahá'í Teachings:
Who and what are the manifestations of God?
The Manifestations of God are like perfect mirrors that reflect the light of God. All these mirrors reflect the same Light. While God is beyond our reach, these perfect beings come to us from time to time, live among us, give us guidance and fill us with the energy we need to progress, materially and spiritually. They are known by such names as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Jesus Christ, Mohammad and Bahá'u'lláh.

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Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."

— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

Board of Education Holds Hearing

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Budget on Thursday, September 4 at 6 p.m. at the Sasser Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Public participation is encouraged; persons interested in speaking must register by 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308.

Viewing Stones Are Topic of Lecture

On Sunday, September 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Jim Greaves, one of the country's top viewing stone experts, will share his knowledge of collecting, buying, displaying and appreciating viewing stones in a free lecture at the U.S. National Arboretum. Registration is required; call 202-245-4521. For more information visit www.usna.usda.gov/Education.

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Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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City Information

Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Presents:

Saturday, September 13th, 2008
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center
Multipurpose Room, room 201



This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt. For more information, call 240-542-2054.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, September 2nd and 4th, at 10 am and 6pm "Ask the Expert: Sleep Disorders." 7pm "Circus Camp #4." 8pm "That Scholarship Show." **PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, September 3rd and 5th. 7pm "My Health, My Medicine -- June 2008." 7:30pm "Heritage Film Festival 2007 (Saturday Afternoon Show)."

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee.
For more info call 301-474-8000.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of September 1st
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, September 5th.

Enjoy the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival!

For a full schedule of events, visit
<http://greenbelt.com/laborday>
or
www.greenbeltmd.gov



SKATEBOARDING CLINIC FOR MOMS AND DADS OF YOUNG SKATEBOARDERS

WHEN: Saturday, September 6, 2008
TIME: 10am
WHERE: Greenbelt Skatepark
FEE: Free
Who: Parents of Young Skate boarders & Kids that want to Skate Board



For more information, contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Action Center

The City of Greenbelt has launched a new feature to its Greenbelt CityLink website that will enhance its ability to communicate and respond to its citizens, and allow citizens to search Frequently Asked Questions, submit their own questions, or request services from city departments and track their status.

To visit the Greenbelt Action Center, visit: www.greenbeltmd.gov.

American Rescue Workers Truck

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE NEW COLLECTION SCHEDULE.

There will no longer be collection on the fourth Saturday of each month. Collection will remain on the second Saturday of each month, 9:00a.m.-12:00pm. in the parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center.

CITY OF GREENBELT ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT

POOCH PLUNGE



A Splash Party
for You AND
Your Dog!

Saturday, September 6th from 11am-2pm
Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
101 Centerway
\$5.00 per dog. One dog per handler.

Pre-register at the PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL BOOTH at the LABOR DAY FESTIVAL.
Greenbelt Residents receive priority registration.
REGISTRATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT.
Participation is limited.
Proceeds will benefit Greenbelt Animal Shelter and Local Wildlife Sanctuary.

Info: 301-474-6124

Greenbelt Pets of the Month



SNICKERDOODLE: A one-year old neutered male. He is quiet and shy and gets along well with other cats. He loves to play with his friends or looking out the window. He would love to brighten your home.



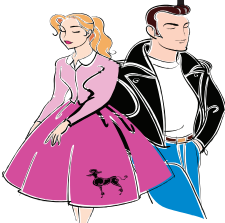
FRECKLES: Congratulations to Freckles and her new daddy!

ADOPTED!

For more information on Snickerdoodle or any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124

Grandparent's Day Sock-Hop

Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008
Time: 2pm to 5pm
Where: Greenbelt Community Center
Tickets: \$5 adult; \$2 child; Ages 2 & under free.



The Sock Hop is a family affair for all ages. Finger food and drinks will be available including Root Beer Floats! Men, dress in your jeans and t-shirts and ladies, break out that poodle skirt. For more information or to order your tickets call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office at 301-397-2200.

Also enjoy an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Make Unique Jewelry
1-3pm, Third Floor. Use hand-made beads and recycled materials to with new Artist in Residence Karen Arrington. A perfect souvenir of your day together!

Galapagos George
3-4pm Multipurpose Room. Barefoot Puppets of Richmond, Virginia presents the true story of a tortoise from Pinta Island who was the last of his kind.

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gospel and blues songs. This band, formed on the streets of Baltimore and now in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has been making music and memories together for over 50 years, yet its style is still fresh and unique.

Races and Games

Maybe your memories will come this weekend by participating in one of two races. The Larry Noel 15K Foot Race begins at 5 p.m. Sunday at Northway and Woodland Way. At 5:10 p.m., a 3K fun race begins from the Braden Field Tennis Courts. Registration and race packet pick-up for both events is from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Youth Center.

For a more cerebral challenge, drop-in Strategy Games are available at the Youth Center from 1 to 4 p.m. The locally made photo and art shows continue through the weekend at the Community Center.

Shakespearean fans have two opportunities on Sunday.

For children, a special version of "Comedy of Errors" will be staged at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 4:30 p.m. For grown-ups, "Measure for Measure" will be performed at the same location at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday night between 6 and 9 p.m., the final session of the Miss Greenbelt Pageant will be held on the main stage, concluding with crowning the 2008 Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt and Little Miss Greenbelt.

On Monday, September 1 enjoy the excitement and fun of participating in the Lions Club Bikes and Trikes decorations con-

test, which begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center.

Roosevelt Center

And, at 10 a.m., the crowds will be lining Crescent Road for the 54th annual Labor Day Parade. The Grand Marshall will be this year's Outstanding Citizen, and all Miss Greenbelt contestants will be there too. Community groups, sports clubs, marching bands, cultural organizations, politicians and government leaders will be in colorful garb, spreading cheer and tossing candy and trinkets to the crowds as they wind past the reviewing stand at Southway and Crescent.

Once the parade ends at about noon, the midway will be open for tastes of funnel cake, hot dogs, ice cream, cotton candy and more. Suspense will be mounting for the presentation of awards for the art show, photo show, carnival booths and parade contingents, beginning at 1 p.m. from the main stage and continuing Monday afternoon is the Greenbelt PTA's used book sale.

From 2 to 4:30 p.m., you can relive your memories from the 50s, 60s and 70s when the Fabulous Hubcaps proves that rock 'n roll is still alive and well.

The Labor Day Festival has many components: food, rides, entertainment, parade, games, art, culture and community. What will remain with you long after the programs end are your memories? May you have happy ones with friends and family!

-- Frank DeBernardo

City Notes

Planning staff met with Petrie Ross and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority representatives to discuss Greenbelt Station Core development.

Code Enforcement re-inspected all of Empirian Village's outstanding violations. Sixty percent were completed.

Parks crew installed goal posts for football games at Braden Field.

Facilities maintenance crews installed a baby-changing station at the Youth Center and re-lamped the light fixtures in the Aquatic & Fitness Center with energy-efficient bulbs and ballasts.

Staff continues to search for replacement historic glass block for the Community Center.

CARES

CARES reports that the ACE Reading Club Summer Book Club, run in collaboration with the Greenbelt Recreation Department, ended August 15. Fifty-eight children participated in the 9-week program and were videotaped presenting their reading-related projects for the city's cable channel.

Director Liz Park has achieved the distinction of Approved Supervisor designation for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.



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city to get cameras for monitoring at all hours and emergency phones installed at the overpass.

A study centered on Roosevelt Center, Spellman Overpass and the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway showed that there was "a spike in crime between 3 and 9 p.m. with the most active hours being 3 to 5 p.m." Roosevelt Center was the main site, followed by the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Kemp explained that the data included nonviolent crimes such as open alcohol containers and small amounts of marijuana. The study reported 37 thefts on Centerway in the past 18 months.

ERHS Factors

The report concluded that "there is insufficient data in this set to draw a conclusion as to a pattern of crime involving students from Eleanor Roosevelt High school," while acknowledging that there "appears to indicate that there is some increase in crime in the hours immediately following the end of the school day."

The study further concluded that "there was a sharp reduction in reported incidents" after the "department implemented several initiatives to reduce problems."

The initial presentation was followed by public questions. Gardenway resident Andy Carruthers asked what percentage of arrests in the studied areas were juveniles. Though he did not have the exact figures, Kemp answered, "if you're talking about juveniles under 18, a majority." Carruthers also asked if there

was an increase in crimes committed by multiple perpetrators. Kemp said that "it is my sense that I am seeing more instances of three or more being involved in these."

Kemp added that attacks by multiple individuals are easier to investigate because of the larger number of perpetrators.

Current Action Plan

Lieutenant David Buerger explained the current action plan responsible for the "sharp reduction in crime." The plan included continued police presence; proper maintenance; education and outreach; emergency call boxes and security cameras; and improved lighting. Buerger highlighted the cooperation of the Bike Unit, School Resource Officers (SRO) and canine officers in patrolling the areas surrounding the overpass. As well, Buerger stated that the department periodically holds squad level roll-calls at the site. Buerger, who was one of the first SROs in the state, said these officers "are best placed to be at the overpass before and after school" because they know the students.

Buerger stressed that citizens are the best eyes and ears for the police department and urged citizens not to hesitate to call the police, using the local police number 301-474-7200 instead of 911. He cautioned, however, that "just because you see a group of kids hanging around in baggy clothes does not mean they are criminals. There are a lot of good kids."

Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

Ask yourself if any of these areas may be affecting the beauty of your smile:



- The color or shape of your teeth
- Spaces or missing teeth
- Noticeable cavities or old dental work
- Uneven or unhealthy gums



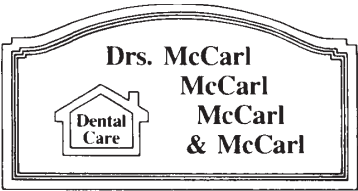
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California Bartlett Pears	\$ 1⁴⁹ <small>lb.</small>	Extra Large Jacket Cauliflower head	\$ 2⁹⁹

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Fresh Natural Pork Cournty Style Spare Ribs	\$ 2²⁹ <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts	\$ 2⁹⁹ <small>lb.</small>
		Oscar Mayer Meat Wieners Assorted 1 lb.	\$ 1⁸⁸ <small>lb.</small> <i>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</i>
		Fresh Value Pack Beef Boneless Rib Eye Delmonico Steaks	\$ 6⁹⁹ <small>lb.</small>
		Oscar Mayer Fun Pack Lunchables Assorted 10-13 oz.	\$ 2⁰⁰

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Minute Maid Premium Orange Juice 64 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰	Land-O-Lakes Cheddar Cheese 8 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰	Green’s Premium Ice Cream Asst. 56 oz.	\$ 2⁵⁰
Shurfine American Singles Assorted 12 oz.	\$ 2⁰⁰	Land-O-Lakes Margarine Quarters 1 lb.	\$ 1²⁵	Hanover Prem. Silver Line Vegetables Assorted 10-16 oz.	3/\$ 5⁰⁰
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Crest Pro-Health Mouth Rinse 33.8 oz.	\$ 3⁴⁹	Silver Brite Alaskan Salmon Fillets	\$ 4⁹⁹ <small>lb.</small>	Bob’s Red Mill Original Muesli 18 oz.	\$ 3⁴⁹
Crest Tooth Paste Select Varieties 6.4 oz.	\$ 1⁵⁰	Maryland Fresh Backfin Crabmeat 8 oz.	\$ 9⁹⁹	Wye River Crab Seasoned Crabbers Cheese Crackers 10 oz.	\$ 2⁹⁹
		★★★★★ ★ Co-op Supermarket Will Be OPEN Labor Day ★ ★ Monday, Sept. 1 10am til 6pm ★ ★ Pharmacy Will Be Closed ★ ★★★★★		Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf	\$ 1⁴⁹
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Murder
August 18, 3:23 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a man broke into a residence and stabbed a person several times. The man then forcibly removed another person from the residence at knifepoint. He attempted to force that person into a cab. When the victim refused, the man got into the cab by himself and fled the scene. The first victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Warrants have since been obtained for Ivan Sorto, 20, of Hyattsville charging him with attempted first-degree murder, kidnapping, first-degree assault and second-degree assault.

Robbery
August 19, 12:24 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a man was robbed by four people at gunpoint as he was walking down a sidewalk. The suspects are described as a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'9" with a slim build, black hair in twists and a dark complexion, wearing no shirt; a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'8" with a slim build, black hair, wearing dark pants and a white T-shirt; a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'6" with a slim build, wearing a white tank top and black pants; and a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'9", 140 pounds, wearing black pants and no shirt.

Carjacking
August 18, 11:56 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, a tow truck driver, who was in the process of attempting to repossess a vehicle, was confronted by a man who forced him to release the vehicle at knifepoint. The man attempted to take the tow truck but instead took the repossessed vehicle, a black 2006 Toyota Range Rover, Maryland tags 05303M4. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 35 years of age, 6'3" to 6'5", 210 to 230 pounds with short black hair and a mustache, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans. A second possible suspect is described as a black male. 25 to 30 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 180 to 200 pounds with short black hair and a light beard, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

Assaults
August 17, 1:09 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Greenway Center Drive, a woman was punched in the face for no apparent reason as she walked down a sidewalk. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

August 21, 3:39 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, four resident youths, ages 11, 12, 13 and 14, were arrested for assault after engaging in a fight. All were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

August 22, 2:18 a.m., 7200 Hanover Parkway, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer,

two counts of second-degree assault and three counts of carrying pepper spray with the intent to injure after she sprayed pepper spray on police attempting to break up a fight. A resident man also was arrested during this incident and charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests
August 16, 10:08 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a nonresident man was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

August 21, 3:13 a.m., 7000 block Hanover Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of phenylcyclidine, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol, driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol and driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Malicious Burning
August 19, 6:58 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a resident youth allegedly set fire to a grassy area and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Counterfeit Money
August 19, 4:10 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man attempted to pass a counterfeit dollar bill at a business and fled the scene when the cashier refused to accept payment. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'7", 140 pounds with brown shoulder length hair in dreadlocks and brown eyes, wearing a white T-shirt and orange shorts.

Vandalism
August 17, 4:45 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) used a BB type gun to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

August 17, 11:03 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) used an unknown object to break out the kitchen window of a residence.

August 18, 4:45 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) broke out a window of a residence.

August 21, 11:23 a.m., 7400 block Morrison Drive, unknown person(s) threw a rock through a ground floor window of an apartment, shattering it.

Burglary
August 15, 4:10 p.m., Parkway, a garage was reported broken into. Tools and a battery were among the items taken.

August 20, 1:23 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a burglary was reported. A television, microwave, DVD player, DVDs and a cordless drill were among the items taken.

Older Drivers
As age increases, vision decreases. Have regular eye exams; some eye problems can be corrected if caught early. Wear sunglasses but avoid tinted windshields. If possible avoid driving at night, during rush hours and in inclement weather. Avoid wearing glasses that restrict side vision and avoid vehicles with large blind spots. Keep the windshield and headlights clean and properly maintained. Turn the head frequently to compensate for diminished peripheral vision and look ahead to see trouble before reaching it.

Greenbelt Police Dept.
Traffic Unit

August 20, 3:31 p.m., Crescent Road, a laptop computer was reported as taken.

August 21, 2:56 p.m., 7400 block Morrison Drive, a backpack was reported as taken.

August 21, 7200 block South Ora Court, a burglary was reported. A video game player, video games, DVDs and money were among the items taken.

Open Alcohol
August 19, 10:23 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested for open alcohol and released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes
The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive; a tan 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 4AGY18 from the 7300 block Sunrise Court; a 1997 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags MXF929 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Court; a green 1998 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags 7CMA47 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; and a 2007 Honda CBR600 motorcycle from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside departments. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents – DVD players, handicap parking permit); 6200 block Springhill Drive (tag); 6200 block Springhill Court (stereo); 100 block Westway (cassette adapter, money); 10 Court Southway (CDs); 2 Court Gardenway (wallet, cellphone, glasses); 6000 block Ivy Lane (tags); 7800 block Lakecrest Drive (chainsaw, leaf blower, hedge trimmer); and 7200 Morrison Drive (laptop, CD player, money). Attempted thefts of vehicles were reported at 6000 Cherrywood Lane and 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Vehicles were vandalized at 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (broken door handle) and 2 Court Gardenway (broken window).



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7:45-9:00 pm – Yoga Basics (Joel) (b)

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5:00-6:00 pm – Pilates Level I (Emily) (b)
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7:45-9:00 pm – Level II Kripalu (Laura)(c,i)

Thursday
6:15-7:30 pm – Ashtanga Yoga (Brecken)(i,a)
7:45-9:00 pm – Yoga Chill (Brecken)(b,c)

Friday
10:15-11:45 am – Yoga Basics Series (Melissa)(b)
12:00-1:00 pm – Mixed Level Lunch (Melissa)(b,c)

Saturday
9:00-10:00 am – Pilates Level II (Emily) (c)
10:15-11:30 am – Integral Hatha Level I (Karl)(b,c)

Sunday
10:15-11:30 – T'ai Chi Level I (Penny)(b,c)
11:45-1:00 pm – Market Day Hatha (Carol M.)(b,c)

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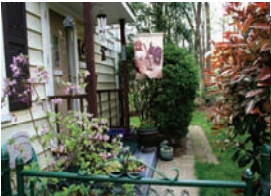


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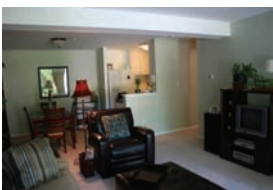
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to run for office in Greenbelt and neither was elected.

She then noted the number of terms (ranging from 3 to 12) the current councilmembers have served, saying that so-called block voting exists in Greenbelt and that minority candidates would have a better chance for success if they could run from smaller election districts rather than at-large, requiring a majority vote from the entire electorate. Dillard noted that preference voting would also benefit minority candidates.

Deborah A. Jeon, legal director for the ACLU-MD, indicated surprise at the level of disengagement of citizens new to the Greenbelt community. She suggested that more than structural reform of the election system is needed.

She cited the fact that there was significantly lower voter registration in the Springhill Lake (SHL) development (now known as Emperian Village). She also noted the disparity in SHL voter Precinct 8 turnout between municipal and State/Federal elections where, in the last election cycle, only a two percent turnout in the 2007 municipal election contrasted with a 69 percent turnout in the 2004 presidential election.

The SHL turnout for the 2006 mid-term elections for state/county offices was less than the presidential vote but decidedly more than that of the Greenbelt Municipal election in 2007.

Based on that analysis, Jeon suggested that scheduling the Greenbelt City Council elections at the same time (even years) as the federal and state/county elections could increase the voter turnout in the SHL precinct.

FairVote View

The third speaker on the program was Amy Ngai from an organization known as FairVote, based in Takoma Park. FairVote is a resource for the electoral reforms in question. Ngai had intended to provide a presentation describing alternative at-large election systems focusing on FairVote's choice voting system they recommend for reform of Greenbelt's elections. Unfortunately her laptop computer could not communicate successfully with the available projector and her oral presentation was not optimum for audience understanding of the subject.

At-large election procedures, as currently provided for in Greenbelt's Charter, are winner-take-all systems where voters are asked to fill a certain number of seats on a governing body by voting for as many candidates on the ballot as there are seats to be filled. As many registered voters in Greenbelt know, this at-large system as practiced in Greenbelt already contains a "choice" feature, in that any voter may vote for one, two, three, four or the maximum five candidates of their choice.

Informally known as "bullet" voting, the process can maximize a voter's support for a particular candidate voting taking potential votes away from other candidates.

According to FairVote, the most common structural reform to increase racial fairness in an election system is the change to single member districts. She said that drawing such districts allows minority residents to make up a majority in at least one of the created districts.

Hybrid Systems

An alternative approach is the change to what is called a hybrid at-large- single member district sys-

tem. Here the electorate votes for some at-large seats and for a seat in their particular district.

FairVote notes that this change is usually accompanied by an increase in the size of the elected council. In Greenbelt's case FairVote suggests expanding the Greenbelt Council to six or seven members, with four or five elected from districts and the others at-large.

FairVote describes several alternative at-large election systems that use special voting rules designed to enhance the ability of minority voters to gain representation. The three such alternative systems used in the U.S. are limited voting, cumulative voting and choice voting. For each of these systems, a mathematical formula is employed to delineate a minimum percentage of the electorate as a "politically cohesive minority group" that is needed in order to assure the election of at least one candidate of choice.

Limited Voting: In a limited voting system, a voter casts one vote per candidate to fill a number of seats but the total number of votes a voter may cast is less than the total number of seats to be filled. The limitation is designed to prevent a majority ticket from making a clean sweep of all available seats.

Cumulative Voting: In a cumulative voting system, voters have a given number of votes they can distribute among the candidates any way they wish. Somewhat like the informal system allowed by Greenbelt's current charter, under this system the voter can spread five votes among five candidates or could "plump" all five votes for one candidate for whom they have a strong preference or the votes could be divided among the voters' two or three top preferences.

Choice Voting

Choice Voting: For choice voting (also known as preference-voting) the voter ranks the candidates as "1," "2," etc., for as many candidates as they wish. The votes once cast are counted in a series of rounds.

In the first round candidates netting more than a certain number of first-choice votes win a seat. Their excess votes (those received above the minimum) are reassigned to other candidates based on those candidates' second-choice selections. In the second round, any candidates above the minimum quota of first choice votes after reassignment are then elected. If, in that round, insufficient additional candidates make the cut, the lowest vote-getter is disqualified and that candidates' votes are reassigned on the same second-vote basis.

The process of electing and disqualifying candidates and reassigning their votes is continued through as many rounds as necessary to fill all available seats. FairVote favors choice voting over any other proposed system for the City of Greenbelt.

At the end of the presentations by the ACLU-MD, PG-NAACP and FairVote, councilmembers asked questions of the presenters, focusing primarily on specific educational or information efforts being made by the groups to increase voter participation, voter registration and citizenship responsibilities.

At approximately 8:45 p.m., the floor was opened for comments from citizens and there were enough speakers to continue a lively and very focused discussion until nearly 10:30 p.m.

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City Manager David Moran, Ngai was unable to show her presentation on proportional voting, a system in which voters are able to rank candidates according to their preference. Ngai said this system "helps eliminate wasted votes" and "allows you to vote your conscience."

After Ngai spoke Dillard took the microphone again to mention other communities, such as Bowie, that had adopted districts and hence elected their first African Americans to council.

After these presentations, council had time to ask questions. Mayor Davis asked the organizations to provide council with more comparative data, detailing the differences in voter turn-out for municipalities that hold elections in even years so they are synchronized with state and national elections. Jeon said the ACLU would provide the information.

Citizen Comments

A single microphone was passed down the long line of participants. Davis noted that there was only one microphone. When she called speaker names off of the sign-up sheet, she said, they should approach the front of the room.

The first speaker, Jeanette Gordy of Greenbriar, joked that "there's only one mike because it's all we can afford."

Gordy, one of the two African Americans who have run for city council, said that she moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and ran for council "four or five years later."

She said, "There were six white men and me and I came in sixth." She did not attribute her failure to win a seat on council to her race but rather to her job as a school teacher, which made it difficult to run.

Gordy said, "My concern is that people don't get off their royal behinds. By going to meetings I got what I wanted and found out I had power as a citizen."

Ann Oliver, the second speaker and also an African American, said she had been a resident of Greenbelt since 1971, living first in Springhill Lake and now in Greenbriar. "I'm getting from you," Oliver said, "that if we change the system, minorities will become councilmembers." She continued, "I'm resisting the idea that Greenbelt is oppressive to minorities. I've always felt represented and that I had a choice."

She said further that Greenbelt is a "very well run city. We need to find a way to get people involved." She challenged all three organizations, questioned why "you have not been here before."

Ngai and Dillard each responded to Oliver at length, each restating her organization's original case.

Districts Support

The next two speakers, Martha Heil and James Reardon, both from Plateau Place in Old Greenbelt, supported single-member districts. Heil said that in this system "you must send someone to council from your district... where people drive out the same

driveways, hear the same noises at night."

Though she supported districts, Heil said she was also pained to "look at a council that has served me well and know that two or three of them will not be here anymore."


Reardon said he had lived "in Prince George's County all of my adult life." He reported that he loved "the incredible diversity" in the county. He said that "the system we have now is not working. Districting is not unfair. Why not change to it?"


Melissa Heinz-Rodriguez said that "there has been a lot of talk about representation in Springhill Lake" where she lives. "But," she continued, "it is not a situation where there is not representation but where there is no interest."

"Those who vote are pleased with council," she said. "But how do we communicate that interest to minorities in the community?" she asked. Heinz-Rodriguez echoed Oliver as she continued, addressing Dillard, Jeon and Ngai: "I have not seen you in our community and our schools," she said.

Many of Monday night's speakers had addressed the June 30 meeting in Center City, prompting Sylvia Lewis to suggest that at the third meeting, people who have spoken at the previous meetings be limited to two minutes. That meeting will occur at an as-yet-to-be-determined location in Greenbelt West on October 1.

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